



Demography 240: Migration

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Migration – a core area of demography – is also now a highly contested topic of discussion in the media, politics. It's also related to a tremendous amount of societal changes globally. Whether one is a mover or a stayer, it is no longer possible to ignore the impact of population movements. This course provides the foundation of studying migration. We begin with early theory, and move on to topical areas in terms of historical and contemporary patterns. Discussion includes both the more and the less developed countries. We will look at both internal migration as well as migrations that cross international borders, be they migrations of choice or migrations by force. Migration is also a phenomenon that occurs variably across the life course, and so we will take a family perspective as well. The end goal is to be well-versed in this area of demography to understand the hows and whys of population movement. Doing so will enable you to better understand the consequences of migration for both sending and receiving countries.

This is a graduate seminar but undergraduates may also enroll. The course grade will be based on class discussion, a country paper, interim presentations, and a final paper.

